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In the Matter of the Application of Zayo Bandwidth, LLC and Zayo Fiber Solutions, LLC for Authority to Encumber Assets

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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ENCUMBER ASSETS

Zayo Bandwidth, LLC ("ZB") and Zayo Fiber Solutions, LLC (formerly known as AGL Networks, LLC)¹ ("ZFS" and together with ZB, "Applicants"), pursuant to Arizona Rev. Stat. § 40-285 and any regulations deemed applicable, request approval from the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"), to the extent required, to encumber their property through the grant of a security interest in Applicants' assets in support of additional long-term debt obligations of up to \$125 Million (for an aggregate of up to \$450 Million in existing and additional long-term debt obligations) described in Section IV below.² These additional financing arrangements are expected to be on substantially the

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On July 1, 2010, Zayo Group, LLC ("Zayo") completed the acquisition of ZFS. See Decision No. 71704 (June 3, 2010) (approving ZFS's participation in the Existing Financing (as defined herein) of Zayo and notifying the Commission of the transfer of control of Applicant to Zayo). Immediately thereafter, ZFS changed its corporate name to Zayo Fiber Solutions, LLC. ZFS is in the process of making the necessary filings to effectuate the name change in Arizona.

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Applicants are also providing a guaranty in support of the company-wide financing arrangements. Since neither Applicant has provided intrastate telecommunications services in Arizona (and therefore are not Class A entities), however, the Commission's Public Utility Holding Companies and Affiliated Interests Rules, A.A.C. R12-2-801 to R12-2-806, do not apply to the guaranty provided by Applicants.

same or better terms as the financing arrangements approved by the Commission in Decision No. 71704 with respect to ZFS and being considered by the Commission in Docket No. T-20694A-10-0076 with respect to ZB.

These additional financing arrangements are expected to be used, in part, to fund a strategic acquisition by Zayo that is expected to close in approximately 90 days. Applicants respectfully request that the Commission act expeditiously to grant the approval on an expedited basis and no later than the Commission's Open Meeting scheduled for September 21-22, 2010, so that Zayo can timely complete the financing arrangements as planned and meet important business and financial objectives.

In support of this filing, Applicants provides the following information:

I. <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICANTS</u>

ZB and ZFS are both Delaware limited liability companies with principal business offices located at 400 Centennial Parkway, Suite 200, Louisville, Colorado 80027. Zayo Group, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the sole member of both Applicants.

ZB is the primary operating entity Zayo Group's Zayo Bandwidth business unit, which provides Private Line, Ethernet, Wavelength, Dedicated Internet Access and Collocation services to wholesale (e.g., other carriers) and large enterprise customers. In Arizona, ZB has an application pending for a certificate to provide facilities-based long distance and local exchange telecommunications services. *See* Docket No. T-20694A-09-0379.³

ZFS comprises Zayo's Zayo Fiber Solutions business unit which provides connectivity and dark-fiber related services. ZFS maintains fiber networks in several metropolitan areas, including the Atlanta, Georgia, Charlotte, North Carolina, Kansas City, Missouri and Phoenix, Arizona metropolitan areas and in Richmond and Henrico County,

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³ The Application was granted at the June 29 Open Meeting and is pending signature by the Commission.

Virginia. In Arizona, ZFS is authorized to provide competitive private line telecommunications services pursuant to Decision No. 71485 issued by the Commission in Docket No. T-20667A-09-179 on February 23, 2010.

II. CONTACTS

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III. DESCRIPTION OF FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

On March 12, 2010, Zayo completed \$325 million in long-term financing arrangements for which Zayo's current and future subsidiaries, including Applicants, provided guarantees and pledged their assets as security for the financing arrangements ("Existing Financing").⁴ The Commission approved ZFS's participation in those financing arrangements in Decision No. 71704 and is currently considering ZB's participation in those financing arrangements in Docket No. T-20694A-10-0076. Zayo expects to extend

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To the extent that the Applicants serve as borrowers under the financing arrangement, they are exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 40-301 et seq. pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 40-301.D.

those financing arrangements, consisting of a combination of senior secured notes and revolving credit facilities, by up to \$125 Million for an aggregate amount of up to \$450 Million. Applicants' and Zayo's current and future subsidiaries will participate in the additional company-wide financing arrangements in the same manner as they currently participate in the Existing Financing. The additional financing arrangements may include a combination of senior secured notes and a revolving credit facility(ies) with terms that are substantially similar to or better than the terms of the Existing Financing. Since ZFS is already authorized and ZB is seeking authorization to participate in financing arrangements of up to \$325 Million, Applicants request that the Commission authorize Applicants to participate in additional financing arrangements of up to \$125 Million for an aggregate of up to \$450 Million.

Zayo intends to use the proceeds from the additional financing arrangements to fund strategic acquisitions and for other permitted purposes, including working capital, capital expenditures, and other general corporate purposes of Zayo and its operating subsidiaries, including Applicants. As Zayo may complete an acquisition that is expected to close in approximately 90 days, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission act expeditiously to grant the approval so that Zayo can timely complete the financing arrangements as planned and meet important business and financial objectives.

IV. PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS

Approval of Applicants' participation in the financing arrangements described herein will serve the public interest in promoting competition among telecommunications carriers by providing Applicants with the opportunity to strengthen their competitive position with access to greater financial resources to complete strategic acquisitions and make other capital expenditures to expand their service coverage and improve its competitiveness. The funds to be obtained through the financing arrangements are necessary and appropriate, are consistent with the performance by the Applicants of

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their services to the public, will not impair the ability of Applicants to perform such services and will promote the corporate purposes of the Applicants. The financing transaction will be transparent to customers and will not disrupt service or cause customer confusion or inconvenience. IV. **CONCLUSION** WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, Applicants request the Commission authorize Zayo Bandwidth, LLC and Zayo Fiber Solutions, LLC (formerly known as AGL Networks, LLC) to encumber their property through the grant of a security interest in their assets in support of the financing arrangements. Applicants respectfully request that the Commission grant the approval requested on an expedited basis and no later than the Commission's Open Meeting scheduled for September 21-22, 2010, so that the financing can be completed prior to the proposed acquisition. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of July, 2010. LEWIS AND ROCA LLP

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ORIGINAL and thirteen (13) copies of the foregoing filed this 9th day of July, 2010, with:

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VERIFICATION

I, Scott E. Beer, state that I am the Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of Zayo Group, LLC, Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, Zayo Fiber Solutions, LLC (formerly AGL Networks, LLC) (collectively, the "Company"); that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Company; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents with respect to the Company are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Scott E. Beer

Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

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Zayo Fiber Solutions

Sworn and subscribed before me this 7^{7} day of July, 2010.

Notary Public

My commission expires 6-8-2011